Applications for import of computer-aided design and manufacturing equipment

*236. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the particulars of applications currently pending/under consideration of the Department of Electronics for approval to import computer-aided design and computer-aided manufacturing equipment and systems, other than for defence purposes; and

(b) what is the capital outlay involved in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) There is no application currently pending/under consideration of the Department of Electronics for import of Computer Aided Design and Computer Aided Manufacturing Equipments and systems. However, the Department of Electronics has given clearance to float global tender for import of computer-aided design equipment for two companies. It is understood that the tenders are under evaluation by those companies.

(b) The approximate amount involved in the above two cases is Rs. 3000 lakhs and Rs. 590 lakhs respectively.

Army recruitments through fraudulent means

*237. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the instances, if any, of fraudulent practices in the system of recruitment into the Indian army that have come to light during the last two years, till date;

(b) whether Government have made any inquiry into such recruitments;

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof, stating the officers, if any, with ranks, found to be involved in the recruitment racket and the number of persons identified to have been recruited by fraudulent methods; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) to (d) Fraudulent practices in army recruitment which have come to light mainly are:—

(i) Production of fake certificates either giving wrong date of birth or wrong qualifications;

(ii) Illegal recruitment by bogus recruiting parties;

(iii) complaints about touts taking money on promises of enrolment.

2. These malpractices are mainly at the behest of touts. However, there have also been cases of collusion with the staff of the Recruiting organisation.

3. The number of cases in which individuals got enrolled by fraudulent means during the last two years is 132. These cases were detected at various stages of recruitment and the individuals involved were discharged. 63 complaints about the organisation were also received. Nine Officers and thirty-two Junior Commissioned Officers/Other Ranks were *prima facie* found to be involved in malpractices.

4. All malpractices are investigated either departmentally or through the Central Bureau of Investigation (C.B.I.) Complaints are also lodged with the jurisdictional police in cases of allegation of touting by Civilians.